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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON SENATE BILL NO. 2323

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS

Senate Bill No. 2323 appropriates funds for registered professional nurses within collective bargaining unit 9 and their excluded counterparts.

The public employer and bargaining unit 9 are currently at impasse. Bargaining unit 9 is subject to binding arbitration as a means of impasse resolution.

While we are not supportive of increases for bargaining unit 9 at this time, Senate Bill

No. 2323 provides a mechanism to fund collective bargaining costs should an

arbitration panel award terms which require collective bargaining appropriations.

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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 2323 which provides a vehicle to implement pending collective bargaining agreements from a potential arbitration for Bargaining Unit 09.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the above legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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